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TO AMEMBASSY BRIDGETOWN

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TAGS: EAIR, BB

SUBJECT: CIVAIR: ICA APPLICATION

REF: BRIDGETOWN 1402

1. DEPARTMENT AND CAB STAFF ARE MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO EXPEDITE CONSIDERATION OF ICA APPLICATION. DUE TO SHORTAGE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES AT CAB THERE IS PRESENTLY A BACKLOG OF OVER 1000 CASES TO BE ASSIGNED DATES FOR HEARINGS. OUR EFFORTS HAVE RESULTED IN BRINGING ICA CASE FROM END OF THIS BACKLOG TO FRONT OF LIST. HEARING HAS BEEN SET FOR OCTOBER 29. DATE IS EARLIEST TIME WHEN AN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE WILL BECOME AVAILABLE TO HEAR CASE.

2. HEARINGS ARE FIRST OF SEVERAL REQUIRED STEPS UNDER CAB PROCEDURES FOR PROCESSING APPLICATIONS. AFTER HEARINGS, RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE WILL BE FORWARDED WITH APPLICATION TO BOARD MEMBERS OF CAB FOR CONSIDERATION. BOARD'S DECISION THEN WILL BE SUBMITTED TO PRESIDENT FOR  
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APPROVAL. IF PRESIDENT APPROVES, PERMIT WILL BE ISSUED.

3. EMBASSY MAY INFORM BARBADIAN AUTHORITIES OF ABOVE POINTING OUT THAT WE ARE MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO FACILITATE

EXPEDITIOUS CONSIDERATION OF ICA'S APPLICATION. WE REGRET THAT IN VIEW OF US DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS IT WILL BE OBVIOUSLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR ICA TO START ITS US OPERATIONS BY NOVEMBER 1. IT IS ALSO NOT POSSIBLE TO SPECULATE CONCERNING THE LENGTH OF TIME PROCESS WILL TAKE OR CONCERNING OUTCOME OF DECISION.

4. EMBASSY MAY ALSO EXPRESS OUR VIEW THAT US ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES, ALREADY SET IN MOTION TO REVIEW ICA APPLICATION, MUST RUN THEIR REQUIRED COURSE AND SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO INFLUENCE ISSUANCE OF PERMIT TO AMERICAN AIRLINES. WE SHOULD SEEK TO AVOID LINKAGE OF TWO ISSUES SINCE CONSIDERATIONS ARE DIFFERENT IN EACH CASE. AMERICAN AIRLINES WISHES TO CONTINUE AIR SERVICES CURRENTLY BEING OFFERED BY PAN AM BETWEEN NEW YORK AND BRIDGETOWN, WHEREAS ICA IS SEEKING TO ESTABLISH NEW SERVICE. ANY ACTION WHICH WOULD REDUCE OR RESTRICT EXISTING AIR SERVICES WOULD NOT BE IN BEST INTERESTS OF TRAVELING PUBLIC.

5. AMERICAN AIRLINES ADVISES THAT IT IS READY TO MOUNT EXTENSIVE ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN PROMOTING BARBADOS AS TOURIST DESTINATION. IF BARBADIAN AUTHORITIES INTEND TO DELAY ACTION ON AMERICAN AIRLINE PERMIT APPLICATION IN RETALIATION TO OUR INABILITY TO SET EARLY HEARING DATE, NET RESULT CAN HAVE DAMAGING CONSEQUENCES FOR BARBADOS TOURIST INTERESTS. SISCO

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